# Mesa Verde



# 2016 Visitor Services and Program Schedule

#### **Visitor Center**

Saturday, January 2	to	Saturday, April 9	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday, April 10	to	Thursday, May 26	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday, May 27	to	Monday, September 5	7:30 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 6	to	Saturday, October 29	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 30	to	Saturday, December 31	8:30 am to 4:30 pm

<sup>\*</sup>The Visitor Center is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

## Chapin Mesa Archeological Museum

to	Saturday, February 20	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
to	Saturday, April 9	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
to	Saturday, October 15	8:00 am to 6:30 pm
to	Saturday, October 29	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
to	Saturday, December 31	9:00 am to 4:30 pm
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<sup>\*</sup>The museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

## **Balcony House Tours (ticket required)**

(Purchase tickets at the Visitor Center, Morefield Ranger Station, or Colorado Welcome Center, Cortez.)

Saturday, January 2	to	Saturday, April 9	Closed
Sunday, April 10	to	Saturday, May 7	10:00 am to 4:00 pm; every hour
Sunday, May 8	to	Thursday, May 26	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every hour and 9:30 am and 3:30 pm
Friday, May 27	to	Saturday, August 20	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every 1/2 hour
Sunday, August 21	to	Saturday, October 15	9:00 am to 5:00 pm; every hour and 9:30 am and 3:30 pm
Sunday, October 16	to	Saturday, October 29	10:00 am to 4:00 pm; every hour
Sunday, October 30	to	Saturday, December 31	Closed

## **Cliff Palace Tours (ticket required)**

(Purchase tickets at the Visitor Center, Morefield Ranger Station, or Colorado Welcome Center, Cortez.)

Saturday, January 2	to	Thursday, May 26	Closed
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Friday, May 27 to Sunday, September 11 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; every 1/2 hour

Monday, September 12 to Saturday, December 31 Closed\*

# Twilight Photography Tours of Cliff Palace (ticket required)

(Reservations will be available online at <u>www.recreation.gov</u> in early March)

Friday, May 27	to	Saturday, July 23	7:15 pm
Sunday, July 24	to	Monday, September 5	6:45 pm

# **Chapin Mesa Historic District Tour (no ticket required)**

Sunday, May 29 to Monday, September 5 1:00 pm

<sup>^</sup>Entrance fees will be collected here from January 10 through March 5, 2016.

<sup>\*</sup>Due to the complexity and location of the preservation work needed at Cliff Palace this fall, the cliff dwelling will close for the season on September 12. For information on the Cliff Palace preservation project, visit our website at <a href="http://go.nps.gov/cliff">http://go.nps.gov/cliff</a>.

## **Morefield Ranger Station**

Saturday, January 2 to Saturday, May 28 Closed

Sunday, May 29 to Monday, September 5 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm daily

Tuesday, September 6 to Saturday, December 31 Closed

## **Educational Tours for School Groups by Advance Arrangement**

#### **Balcony House**

Monday, April 11 to Friday, May 20 Variable schedule, call 970-529-5079 for information Wonday, September 12 to Wednesday, October 12 Variable schedule, call 970-529-5079 for information

#### Wetherill Mesa

Wetherill Mesa will offer seasonal opportunities. Be sure to pick up a Wetherill Mesa Visitor Guide when you arrive. It will contain a map and information about the best way to visit this part of the park.

#### **EARLY SPRING and LATE FALL**

Sunday, May 1 (or as soon as weather/road conditions permit) to Friday, May 13
Sunday, October 16 to Monday, October 31 (earlier if weather/road conditions close the road)

#### **SPRING**

#### Saturday, May 14 to Friday, May 27

Long House Tour\*\* (ticket required)

Step House, Self-guided

Tour times TBA

Hours TBA

#### SUMMER

#### Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, September 11

Wetherill Mesa Information Kiosk 9:00 am to 6:30 pm Long House Tour\*\* (ticket required) Tour times TBA Step House, Self-guided 9:45 am to 4:15 pm

#### **FALL**

#### Monday, September 12 to Saturday, October 15

Long House Tour\*\* (ticket required)

Step House, Self-guided

Tour times TBA

Hours TBA

# **Luminaria Holiday Open House**

Thursday, December 8

4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

<sup>\*</sup>In early spring and late fall, Wetherill Mesa Road is open self-guided (no services) when weather permits, and the 5-mile, paved Long House Loop is open for hiking and bicycle riding. The alcove sites are closed before May 14 and after October 15, but the other existing trails are open during this time.

<sup>\*</sup> Bicycles are not allowed on the narrow, steep, and winding Wetherill Mesa Road.

<sup>\*\*</sup> There is no tram service, so ranger-guided Long House tours involve hiking at least 2.25 miles (3.6 km) round-trip, and lasts about two hours.